

RAYMOND SCHNEIDER

August 17, 1926

Man who found bodies.

TESTIFIED (pages 392 et seq.):

On Saturday morning, September 16, 1922, between 7.30 and 8.00, Schneider met Pearl Bahmer at College Avenue and Hamilton Street and walked via College Avenue, Buccleugh Park and De Russeys Lane to Phillips Farm where they found two bodies about 12 or 15 feet from a crab apple tree. The walk to Phillips Farm took an hour (392-4).

Schneider said the picture shown him, in which bags took the place of bodies, was not correct. (395)

The man's face was covered by a hat, the woman's by a scarf. (395)

Schneider and Pearl continued their walk for five or ten minutes, again seeing bodies on their return. (396)

The feet were towards Easton Avenue and the heads towards Hamilton Street, one arm being under one head. (396)

The clothing was perfectly composed but Schneider saw no woman's hat. (397)

He saw papers ruffled up between the bodies and at the side. Also blood on the man's face. He did not touch the bodies or papers and went to Stryker's house. (398)

It was between nine and ten o'clock. (398)

He saw no automobile or foot prints or any handkerchief. Pearl accompanied Schneider to Stryker's which he guessed was a mile away. (399)

Schneider's voice failed and Mrs. Stryker had to do the telephoning. (399)

He met two policemen (one Curran) at Stryker's and returned to Phillips Farm staying until Totten came, when the bodies were in original position. (399-400)

CROSSEXAMINATION:

Returned to bodies because they did not see any way out of field. Had not been there before at that time of day or at night and testified falsely on previous occasion that he had been there Thursday night (401). Never in the field before. Just walking with Pearl and had no other place to go (401).

Had no particular idea in going to Phillips Farm. Pearl, who claims she was nineteen and he had known for over three years, made a false statement when she said they went to pick mushrooms. (403)

When they saw the bodies both said there were two bodies there and went right on without observing they were dead. (404)

Did not see letters but cards and papers (405).

Saw no card at Dr. Hall's feet (405).

Was away from the bodies with Pearl five or ten minutes (405).

Saw the blood on Dr. Hall's face when he came back with the authorities. Also small piece of watch chain. Did not see

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a watch or a bill fold and did not touch bodies at any time (405-6).

When he came back with Pearl only stayed a few seconds before going to Strykers and had no conversation with Pearl (407).

Pearl was with him at Stryker's and both stayed there until Police came (408).

Thinks Pearl accompanied Police and him back to scene but does not know how long he stayed there (409)

Saw Pearl next three or four days later at Prosecutor's office (409).

The arrest of Hays followed (410).

REDIRECT:

Bodies looked as if they were sleeping (410).

RECROSS:

Had never been to Phillips Farm before Saturday morning nor to Stryker's. Mrs. Stryker friend of the family and he had seen her on Easton Avenue (410-11).